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I extend my deepest congratulations to Sakara Two Eagles for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I apologize for missing votes. I was not able to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 98.

RECOGNIZING STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL "WE THE PEOPLE" TEAM

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first-place placement of Staples High School We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution Connecticut regional competition.

The We The People program helps students develop in-depth understanding of the Constitution through building their understanding of civic duty, teaching valuable research skills, and expanding their knowledge of government and its inner-workings.

Ensuring a better future for Southwest Connecticut requires our students to be able to articulate a vision for our country that reflects the basic principles in the Constitution that we revere. Staples High School's We The People team's success is proof of how our Constitution's principles and values will be carried on by ambitious and passionate future generations. I am proud that several of Connecticut's state champions come from the Fourth Congressional District, with Staples High School included in those ranks. Later this April, the Staples We The People will compete in the National Finals against teams across the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating the following students: Alexia Abrams Rivera, Natalie Bandura, Zachary Bishop, Oliver Clachko, Ruby Coleman, Jake Fitzpatrick, Matthew Genser, Alex Harrington, Eli Herman, Elizabeth Kuehndorf, Jared Leonard, Rishabh Mandayam, Talia Perkins, Aidan Rogers, Thomas Sargent, Lucia Schnirring, Allison Schwartz, Katherine Simons, Katherine Smith, Krishin Wadhvani, Julian Weng.

I join the community of Westport and the Fourth Congressional District in recognizing

the accomplishment of these students and teacher, Suzanne Kammerman.

HONORING RYAN J. PFANNENSTIEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan J. Pfannenstiel. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan J. Pfannenstiel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SUNIL GUPTA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sunil Gupta for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sunil Gupta is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sunil Gupta is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sunil Gupta for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT (CCAD)

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) as it celebrates 60 years of operations as the premier rotary winged helicopter repair and maintenance facility for the United States Army. Established on March 10, 1961 as the U.S. Army Transportation Aeronautical Depot

Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, it was accepted by the U.S. Army on April 21, 1961 and officially redesignated as the CCAD in 1974.

CCAD has become a critical asset in Army readiness since helicopters first took center stage of combat operations during the Vietnam War. Throughout Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley, the names Huey, Chinook, Black Hawk, and Apache evoke pride in our Veterans, active duty personnel, and retired service members and civilians alike, whether in war or peacetime. Members of CCAD served valiantly on the USNS *Corpus Christi Bay* (formerly the USS *Albemarle*) during the Vietnam War as the Army's sole floating maintenance depot and saved time, money, and lives during the conflict.

Thousands of troops and civilian contractors have walked the halls, worked in the hangars, turned the wrenches, flown the aircraft and dedicated themselves to the operation of CCAD since 1961. Their commitment to the mission of the United States Army safeguards the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today.

I am proud to honor CCAD, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and showing deep appreciation for the service of all personnel of the CCAD, past, present, and future. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, like a battle-hardened soldier, CCAD remains strong, committed, and dedicated to "Keep the Army Flying".

HONORING TOM WILSON

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Wilson of Franklin County, IN. Tom currently serves as the Franklin County Commissioner President and has been a commissioner for 24 years.

A dedicated community servant, Tom was a Franklin County EMS personal and has always cared about his home.

I want to thank Tom for serving in the role as the Franklin County Republican Chair. Tom has helped move the conservative agenda forward and I appreciate all the work he has done for his community and his support.

HONORING THE BAYLOR MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS 2021 NCAA CHAMPIONS

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Baylor University men's basketball team for their historic achievement in winning the 2021 NCAA national championship.

This marks the very first men's basketball championship in the history of the school, and it caps off an incredible season in which the team held a 28-2 record and were the Big 12 regular season champions.

I played college football at Baylor; and I know that it is a place filled with committed,

student-athletes who work together to achieve great things. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work, practice, and teamwork to reach this level of success, and those qualities abound in this team.

In a basketball season like no other, this accomplishment was hard-fought, and it reflects the dedication of each and every player, the leadership of Coach Scott Drew and the team's entire coaching and support staff as well as all their families and friends.

An achievement such as this does not happen without the support of an entire community.

It is such a privilege to recognize this outstanding group for their dedication, perseverance, and ultimately success in bringing a championship home to Baylor.

As a former Bear, I could not be prouder. Sic 'em.

ROMELY CARREON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Romely Carreon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Romely Carreon is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Romely Carreon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Romely Carreon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND GENEROSITY OF MR. NICOLA BULGARI

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to celebrate and give gratitude to Mr. Nicola Bulgari, an avid connoisseur of American-made cars and gracious contributor to the LeMay—America's Car Museum in Washington's 6th Congressional District.

Mr. Bulgari was born and raised in Rome, Italy and as a young boy, became fascinated with American cars. He promised himself that when he grew up, he would own an American car. This boyhood goal grew into supporting a dream that the United States would have a national entity dedicated to the heritage that the automobile brought to American life. Through his extensive efforts and commitment to helping others who share his passion, that dream has become a reality. In 2004, Mr.

Bulgari joined the Board of Directors for the LeMay—America's Car Museum and devoted himself to the effort which led to its opening in Tacoma, Washington in 2012.

Most recently, in January 2021, Mr. Bulgari carried out the partnership between the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage and America's Automotive Trust based in Tacoma, WA. The Trust is committed to honoring the past, celebrating the present, and anticipating the future of American automotive legacy.

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have seen firsthand the generosity of Mr. Bulgari in our region. His devotion to the American automobile heritage will have a lasting impression on Washingtonians and visitors from all around the country and world. I have the great privilege of recognizing his impact here in the United States Congress.

IN CELEBRATION OF PATRICIA "PATTIE" MANSUR'S SERVICE TO KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with immense appreciation for Patricia "Pattie" Mansur's years of service to the students and community of Kansas City, Missouri as a member of the Kansas City Public School Board. Over the last several years, Pattie has demonstrated the passion, integrity, and determination that we hope the students whom she served will emulate as they become leaders in their own right.

Pattie's time on the School Board is a testament to what can be accomplished when concerned citizens engage with their community to overcome difficult issues. When Pattie enrolled her children into Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS), she recognized that its teachers and students were burdened as a consequence of dwindling revenues, inequitable opportunities, and transient leadership. Instead of simply lamenting those problems, Pattie set about building coalitions, engaging the community, and eventually, winning an at-large seat on the School Board. During her time in office, Pattie worked hard to build a strong foundation that future School Boards will expand upon for years to come. She helped recruit Dr. Mark Bedell, an administrator dedicated to equality in education, to serve as the superintendent. Dr. Bedell, along with Pattie and other Board members, secured the stability and leadership necessary for the district to implement a one-of-a-kind equity policy that has provided additional resources to chronically underfunded schools. Pattie also worked to increase the number of AP and dual-credit courses offered across KCPS high schools, ensuring that all students had the ability to earn college credit while attending high school. She engaged with private businesses to build and renovate existing fields, stadiums, and other venues so that every student has the opportunity to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Recognizing that we communicate our values by how we spend our dollars, Pattie fought for increased teacher pay and further investment in new technologies that have helped edu-

cators connect with the next generation of students. As the district celebrated noticeable improvements in graduation rates and college readiness, she was a champion in the fight for full accreditation from the Missouri Department of Early and Secondary Education. Inspired by their mother's advocacy and her dedication to serving Kansas City's students, one of Pattie's three beloved children is now a teacher in the KCPS system. These accomplishments not only had a positive impact on children currently enrolled in KCPS, but will also continue to generate equitable opportunities for the next generations of KCPS students.

In addition to her stellar efforts on the School Board, Pattie has further served the Kansas City community through a number of non-profit organizations. She continues to serve as the Director of Health Policy and Communications for the REACH Healthcare Foundation, which works to improve access to healthcare for uninsured and underserved communities. As Director, she's advocated for policies in both Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. that would address systemic and deeply rooted inequities in the healthcare system. Recently, her tireless work at REACH helped the organization mobilize 29 local healthcare providers in an effort to strengthen the community's fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The REACH Foundation, and by extension those the foundation serves, has benefitted immensely from Pattie's three decades of proven leadership in the non-profit sector.

Marian Wright Edelman, a renowned advocate for children and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, once elegantly noted that working in education comes with a momentous duty to improve the lives of others and leave your community better than you found it. As Pattie's time on the School Board concludes, she can rest assured that KCPS students have more opportunities, are succeeding at higher rates, and have brighter futures because of her efforts. Madam Speaker, please join me in extending heartfelt and sincere congratulations to Pattie Mansur on a successful and accomplished tenure on the Kansas City Public School Board. Furthermore, let us renew our commitment to students as we strengthen our nation by investing in equitable, inclusive, and innovative public schools.

IN MEMORY OF MARY O'MARRO

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mary O'Marro, who passed away on Friday, March 19th at the age of 95.

Mary was born on February 22, 1926 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. After graduating from Albert Lea High School in 1943, she worked at Wilson Meats before continuing her education at Rochester Junior College. She married her husband, Eugene, in 1951 and they were blessed with a daughter and two sons.

In addition to being a wife and mother, Mary worked for Judge Harry Blackmun prior to his appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court and later as a self-employed real estate broker for more than 25 years.